

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

--1. (Currently Amended) A communication system for exchanging electronic mail information in accordance with an electronic mail address formed of a telephone number of a destination and a domain name of a destination telecommunication services operator, the system comprising:

a plurality of communication devices for inputting the telephone number of the destination and an identification number of the destination telecommunication services operator and for communicating to the destination the electronic mail information using the electronic mail address;

a storage device for storing a reference table in which the input identification number of the destination telecommunication services operator is correlated with the domain name of the destination telecommunication services operator; and

a communication management device for using the input identification number of the destination telecommunication services operator as an address for reading the domain name of the destination telecommunication services operator from the ~~storage device~~ reference table, and for merging the input telephone number

with the domain name read from the ~~storage device~~ reference table to form the electronic mail address for sending the electronic mail information.

--2. (Currently Amended) The communication system according to claim 1, wherein the ~~storage device~~ reference table is automatically updated with a new domain name of the telecommunication services operator at a desired time.

--3. (Currently Amended) The communication system according to claim 1, wherein the communication management device of the telecommunication services operator is connected to a communication management device of ~~an other~~ another telecommunication services operator through a communication network and transmits the electronic mail information to one of the plurality of communication devices that is line-connected to the other telecommunication services operator.

--4. (Previously Presented) The communication system according to claim 1, wherein country information in addition to the identification number is correlated with the domain name in the reference table stored in the storage device.

--5. (Currently Amended) A communication device for exchanging electronic mail information in accordance with an electronic mail address formed of a telephone number of a destination and a domain name of a destination telecommunication services operator, the device comprising:

an inputting unit for inputting the telephone number of the destination and an identification number of the destination telecommunication services operator;

a storage unit for storing a reference table in which the input identification number of the destination telecommunication services operator is correlated to the domain name of the destination telecommunication services operator; and

a controller that uses the input identification number of the destination telecommunication services operator inputted by the inputting unit as an address to read the domain name of the destination telecommunication services operator from the ~~storage unit~~ reference table, and for merging the input telephone number with the domain name read from the ~~storage unit~~ reference table to form the electronic mail address for sending the electronic mail information.

--6. (Currently Amended) The communication device according to claim 5, further comprising a rewriting mode for automatically

updating the domain name of the telecommunication services operator stored in the ~~storage unit~~ reference table.

--7. (Previously Presented) The communication apparatus according to claim 6, wherein the rewriting mode is activated at a desired time by the telecommunication services operator being updated.

--8. (Previously Presented) A communication method of exchanging electronic mail information in accordance with an electronic mail address formed of a telephone number of a destination and a domain name of a destination telecommunication services operator, comprising the steps of:

producing a reference table in which an identification number of the destination telecommunication services operator is correlated to the domain name of the destination telecommunication services operator; and

when transmitting the electronic mail information:

inputting the telephone number of the destination and the identification number of the destination telecommunication services operator;

using the inputted identification number of the destination telecommunication services operator as an address to read the

domain name of the destination telecommunication services operator from the reference table; and

merging the inputted telephone number with the domain name read from the reference table to form the electronic mail address for sending the electronic mail information.

--9. (Previously Presented) The communication method according to claim 8, wherein the reference table is updated according to a change in the domain name information of the destination telecommunication services operator.

--10. (Previously Presented) The communication method according to claim 8, wherein country information in addition to the identification number is correlated to the domain name information in the reference table.